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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Turned Money Over—

The sheriff's office turned over the sum of \$71.44 yesterday to the county treasurer, the amount of tax money collected the previous week.

Finest In Clatsop—

The great, three-door barn on the E. A. Taylor ranch has been completed and fairly ranks as the finest structure of its kind in this, and many other, counties.

To San Diego—

The four log rafts of the Benson Logging Co., will be towed to San Diego, Cal. The first of the four is now on the way, and the others will follow in a short time.

Pilot Commission—

The Oregon State Board of Pilots will convene this afternoon at the office of Pilot Commissioner F. J. Taylor, all commissioners being in the city for the July term.

For Full Papers—

Emanuel Lofgren made application in the office of the county clerk yesterday for his final papers entitling him to citizenship. The date of his hearing was set for February 16, 1909.

Completed In August—

Alec Duncan, of Seaside, has secured the contract for completing the road from that city to Elk Creek and if the rocking follows up closely, this one piece of work will be done and thrown open to the public during the latter part of August.

Fixing Sidewalks—

The sidewalks all around the block bounded by Tenth and Eleventh streets and Bond and Commercial are being repaired by the Flavel estate, owners of the property. In other parts of the city some of the sidewalks seem to require a little repairing.

Fish Getting By—

It is claimed that the salmon are running pretty heavily, but for the past day or two the high and swift tides have made it difficult to net them and most of them are getting by the Tongue. Still there have been some good catches from Sunday and Monday drifts reported from the capes.

Artillerymen To Meet—

A meeting of the men designated for the non-commissioned officers of the First Company, Coast Artillery, will be held in the office of Captain Abercrombie tonight. Tomorrow night the company will meet in Foard & Stokes' hall for their first regular

drill. Wednesday will be the regular drill night and for the present at least Foard & Stokes' hall will be the place of meeting.

Was a Hard Blow—

Pleasure craft out on the river Sunday afternoon had a bad time of it in the sudden squalls that came in from the mouth of the river. There were no casualties as far as is known, but several of the little launches had to put in for safety, and one or two that were up the river with outing parties had to wait for the winds and waves to subside before venturing on the homeward trip.

Will Start Today—

The engineering crew, 12 strong, of the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Electric line, headed by Chief Engineer L. C. Rogers and General Manager F. L. Evans, will start out on the preliminary surveys this morning, from the corner of Twelfth and Duane streets; and the active work of the project takes its initial start at that time and place. Success to them and the enterprise!

An Official Visit—

Major McIndee, the new commanding officer of the Engineers' Department of the Columbia, who has succeeded Colonel Roessler, arrived in the city on the noon train from Portland yesterday, and went direct to the jetty work on the Engineers' steamer Arago, Captain Buchanan. He spent the afternoon on the big trestle and in the offices and shops, and returned to the city on the Arago in time to take the 6:10 express back to the metropolis.

Clatskanie Election—

There was a big meeting of the business men of Clatskanie and farmers of the Nehalem Valley at Clatskanie Saturday afternoon. D. R. Nelson, of Portland, came down to talk at the meeting and explained that if an electric line could be built from Clatskanie to Jewell, a distance of 33 miles, for not more than \$25,000 per mile, his people would build the road. Mr. Nelson wanted the local people to subscribe \$25,000 for stock and pay 10 per cent of it in cash in order to make a preliminary survey. In 10 minutes \$5000 was subscribed, and at

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6 o'clock \$15,000 more was raised. The promoters will have no difficulty in raising twice the amount asked. Surveying will begin at once. In less than six months grading is expected to begin and the road is to be completed to Mist in two years and to Jewell in three years.

With the "First Company"—

There will be held, this evening, a "non-commissioned officers' school" at which time three sergeants and six corporals will be chosen to serve the new "First Company", Coast Artillery, O. N. G.; and a month later, a competitive examination will be held preparatory to the appointment of two sergeants and four more corporals. Tomorrow night, at Logan's hall, the company will hold its first assembly and drill and the good work will be thus fully underway.

Looking Over Ground—

Superintendent John McGuire, of the A. & C. has been in the city since Sunday, and over the coast division, looking into the status of the new Chataqua interests which have materially developed here in the past few days, and which invite his cordial attention and that of his superiors, in the matter of making the new grounds near Morrison, accessible from the rail line; and he will make all the essential recommendations in the premises.

Bartenders' Banquet—

The Bartenders' Union gave a pleasurable banquet in Redmen's hall Sunday night. The attendance was about 150 and included many friends of the men who work behind the bars, and the dinner itself was exceptionally good. A literary and musical program gave additional interest to the evening, while a talk on "Organized Labor" by C. J. Curtis proved one of the best parts of the program. Manley Thompson was elected president of the Bartenders' Union and Charles Martin, vice-president.

Few Mosquitoes Here—

In Portland complaint is made of swarms of mosquitoes that descended upon the city within the past few days. Life is hardly bearable in parts of that city it is said and there is much wonder where the stinging pests have come from. During the final days of the past week there were mosquitoes in Astoria, too, though not very many. They apparently came from the interior on the wings of the east wind that blew for one day. They would bite without any preliminary buzzing, being business like all over.

Astorian's Win—

In a rattling good game of baseball Sunday between the West Astorias and Maroons of Portland the home nine won by the score of 5 to 4. Some declared it to have been one of the best games seen in Astoria in a good many moons, and yet excellent as the game was, the crowd was miserably small, and unless there is a little more money taken in at the gate it will hardly be possible for the games to continue. Pettus pitched for the home nine and played a fine game from start to finish.

He Rooted Some—

Jack Day, the genial Kamm agent, being a baseball enthusiast, went over to Long Beach on Sunday last, to witness the game between the Seaviewers and the Long Beachers. He wanted to play himself and tried to break into the game, but neither side would have him because of his delicate physique and dainty proportions and the place he came from, but, nothing daunted, he got in and rooted himself hoarse for the L. B.'s, and after a four-hour contest he pulled them through on a score of 14 to 13, and in a happy and forgiving mood wended his way back to Astoria.

Broke His Left Arm—

Young Edwin Laurin, who was with his father, T. F. Laurin at the recent pleasurable session of the Oregon druggists, at Long Beach, had the misfortune, while playing in a tennis court, to break his left fore arm, by a fall, while passing through Tokeland on their way home, via Portland. His father gave him his best and instant care and the arm was then properly re-set when they got to Aberdeen after a 30-mile drive, which the little chap stood very pluckily. They arrived home yesterday on the Spencer and the boy is getting along finely.

Steamer Nahcotta leaves O. R. & N. docks at 6:45 a. m. daily. Round trip fare to any point on North (Long) Beach, \$1.00, Sunday's only. 6-23-tf

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Chamber of Commerce Takes Drastic Action

WOULD REVOKE FRANCHISE

Local Company is to be Told by Business Men That Better System is Not Forthcoming Soon There'll be Decisive Action Taken.

The regular Chamber of Commerce meeting last night was well attended and a number of propositions were taken up and discussed which were not down on the set program.

The telephone company came in for a good round-up and it was the sense of the meeting, after the discussion was all over, that the local manager be communicated with and informed that unless this city should have at once a central energy system of exchange with the modern instruments, that the Chamber would do all it could to have its franchise revoked.

The city council, through the Mayor, was communicated with and asked that steps be taken to revoke this franchise unless this proposed modern system was granted immediately.

The secretary of the Chamber was instructed to write to any and all telephone companies and explain local conditions and say that a new company would be favored should it apply locally for a franchise. It was stated the local telephone company has for many months adopted a "system of procrastination" and it seems now that this will no longer be tolerated under any circumstances if it can be avoided.

The report of the manager, Mr. Whyte, was read and discussed, showing what work had been accomplished in the office during the past two weeks. Interest was manifested in the report of Chairman Barr of the special committee on dairying. It is altogether likely that there will be established a large condenser here in Astoria within the next few months. One of the leading local business men last night stated that he would put a considerable sum of money into the condenser company, and although no effort has yet been made to finance the enterprise, Dr. Barr is already assured of more than half of the necessary money.

Samuel Elmore made a donation of \$50 for the purposes of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress while present at its session. He explained the detail of the steamer Nebraska's visit to this city and stated he would do all in his power to assist the Chamber to bring that ship here again, soon, and regularly, and thought that with the help of the organization he would have no trouble in doing so, and because of this important statement he was roundly cheered.

There were a number of general discussions and a committee composed of J. M. Stuart of the Astoria Abstract Title & Trust Co.; H. G. Van Dusen of Van Dusen & Co.; Ben Ward of Ward & Finlayson and Dr. Barr, chairman of the Dairy Committee, were appointed a special committee to secure the largest possible amount of good dairying land for the purpose of the colonization plan which will be developed by the German capitalist who is to arrive here within a few weeks and take charge of the entire dairying proposition. The Chamber has about 50,000 acres already listed.

President Staples of the Astoria Clay Product Company stated that the machinery for that enterprise would arrive here within a few days, having been shipped on the 7th and will immediately be put in operation.

Manager Whyte's report of the work transacted since the last meeting was read, and the following excerpts are from it:

Secretary L. F. Morrison of the Astoria Grocers' Association has written the following letter to the Chamber of Commerce:

"At a meeting of the Astoria Retail Grocer's Association of this city, Captain Babbidge reported that he had lost money on the up river run this last month. The grocers all agreed to patronize him as far as possible and instructed the secretary of this association to write the Chamber of Commerce and ask them to do likewise. Trusting you will do what you can in this matter, we remain, etc."

As the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in causing Capt. Babbidge to establish this line, and as he represents an important home en-

deavor, I suggest the following resolution for adoption and that a copy of it be sent to each member of the Chamber.

"Resolved that the members of the Chamber of Commerce be urged to give to Captain Babbidge the largest possible amount of business within their power, especially as his is a home enterprise backed by home capital and it is the sense of this organization that home industry should always receive the loyal, unanimous support of home people."

THE DAIRY PROJECT.

The dairy project will materialize it now seems most likely in a manner that is altogether gratifying.

The German specialist with whom we have been in correspondence for nearly a year and who has already made a visit to Astoria and looked over the ground and been in conference with Dr. C. W. Barr, chairman of our dairy committee, will arrive in Astoria to make his permanent home here within a few weeks. At the present time he is making reports for the German Government.

Dr. Barr's committee has given the matter consideration and Dr. Barr will speak for that committee in person.

The plan of this German specialist includes colonization of our best dairy lands here by dairy farmers direct from Germany that he will bring here through methods that will be personally conducted at his own expense. He desires to have 50,000 acres of this dairy land for colonization purposes and with our electric railroad enterprise and with the other methods that we are now developing, we will have no trouble in getting this land, although of course it will not be in one body and it is better perhaps that it should not be.

Mr. A. Scherneckau has handled this German correspondence for us and has the greatest confidence in this gentleman and I think perhaps it is the opinion of all those who have met him that he will prove one of the greatest booms to Clatsop county that the dairy business has ever had.

THE ELECTRIC RAILROAD

Since the last meeting the incorporators of the Oregon-Seacoast Electric Railway Co. have met and elected directors with \$6,930 of the capital stock at that time subscribed and the surveying of the road will begin at once. This enterprise is moving along very successfully and rapidly thanks to the enterprising and energetic work of E. Z. Ferguson, H. G. Van Dusen and W. E. Buffum. The directors of this road are E. Z. Ferguson, President, Norris Staples, Vice President, E. L. Warren, treasurer, Dr. T. L. Ball, H. G. Van Dusen, Alex. Gilbert, C. S. Brown, J. M. Anderson, P. J. Brix, W. E. Buffum and Geo. H. George.

Several of the officers and directors of this new corporation are here tonight and they can speak for themselves.

CHAUTAUQUA PROPOSITION

The Chautauqua enterprise for Clatsop Beach is now assured as the work of financing the same has been completed by the Columbia Trust Company under the personal supervision of O. L. Ferris, secretary and Treasurer.

This is one of the propositions, the working out of which shows that it takes time and money to accomplish any given purpose, especially in the promotion line. The work on this proposition has been under way practically all of this year and now that the necessary money has been secured, as I understand it, all outside capital, it will take most of the time from now until next July to get the building and grounds in readiness to hold the first Clatsop Beach Chautauqua.

STUMP CLEARING

I seems, Mr. Whyte's report stated, that we have got in touch with a process for clearing stumps off of cut-over land that is much more valuable than any other yet tried for this locality. It consists in attaching a steam engine to a blower and to the blower a set of rubber hose, say from 12 to 20 reaching out in all directions. Fire may be built up at the side of the stump and one of these hose turned on it so that within a short time, perhaps within seven to ten hours the largest stump can be easily burned up including the roots two feet or more below the surface. This process has been most satisfactorily tried on the farm of a Mr. Mead south of Tacoma, Washington, and we are now in correspondence with him. He says that he has no difficulty in clearing off an acre of land with two men within ten days. He pays these two men \$2.00 a day each.

PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN

The Chamber of Commerce has some correspondence with the Commercial Club of Portland, relative to the visit to this city by a large delegation of Portland business men, the

object being to create closer business relations, the initiative coming from Portland. There will be no expense connected with the visit or practically none, in case that the matter can be arranged satisfactorily, as now seems likely. As some more correspondence will be necessary this will be attended to and the matter will probably be ripe by the next meeting.

KALAMA DOCKS.

It seems of enough importance to mention the Kalama docks that are being built by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Work is already under way according to the reports published in the newspapers and the building of these docks and wharves probably means that wheat for export shipments will be sent from Kalama instead of from Portland. I understand that it is the policy of the North Bank Railroad Company not to haul any wheat across the Columbia River for export shipment this season. This information however is not authoritative as in the very nature of such information it could not be. It might be that the railroad prefers to avoid the problem of granting a rate into Portland which would allow Seattle an opening to ask for the same rate and if Seattle should secure the same rate as Portland over the North Bank Road, then the proposition would be open very widely for other towns below Portland on the Columbia river to ask for the same rate.

SEAWALL PROPOSITION

Mr. Whyte reported that the special committee on amendments to the city charter with respect to voting bonds for the financing of the seawall proposition is making splendid progress and had it not been that the committee meetings take place on the same night as the Chamber of Commerce, some of the members of that committee could probably have been present before this time for the purpose of explaining the details of the work.

"Old Timers" Banquet—

The members of the Astoria hose team—the "Old Timers"—held a banquet and jollification last night in commemoration of the race they ran on the Fourth of July. The event last night was a very pleasant one. The dinner was held in the Palace restaurant, and was given by Captain Fred Brown, who takes great pleasure in honoring the men of his team. The banquet was really excellent from the standpoint of the cuisine, and after it was over the "boys" sat at the table and smoked cigars for an hour or more. The men who ran in the race on the Fourth, and of whom all were present last night except Mr. Stillright, were: Capt. Fred Brown, John Corno, E. L. Carlson, Henry Duff, William Painter, William Johnson, John C. Kinkela, W. Ackerman, Charles Stillright, Fred Hedges, Tony Huss, P. Quaday, Joe Phillips. Judge Trenchard, C. J. Curtis and others dropped in to see the "boys" for a few moments last night. The "Old Timers" will not run any more races until the Seattle fair in 1909, when Captain Brown and "Jack" King, of Portland, will take the team to the exposition. That it will win the honors at Seattle then is almost a foregone conclusion, for Captain Brown has never had any but winning teams.

The Nehalem Road—

Dr. W. C. Logan and August Hildebrand drove out on the Nehalem road Sunday and found that the work on the extension of this county thoroughfare is progressing in most excellent shape. From Camp's farm on the road is good. Both Mr. Hildebrand and Dr. Logan are enthusiastic in the cause of good roads, and they are well pleased with the efforts of Judge Trenchard and the two commissioners to push the good work ahead. These gentlemen remarked yesterday that if a road had been built into the Nehalem district years ago there would be 20 settlers there now for every one that is actually on the ground.

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